

***REVISED* MINUTES**
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF NVTC
Meeting March 7, 2013

Members Present: Peter Black, Valerie Burton, Judy Regner, Susan Haenisch, Helen Adamchak, Tracy Self

Absent: Tony Grimm, Joe Caturano, Rev. Gerald Vaiden, Ron Kerns

Also Present: Tim Simmons, Advocate

The Committee met in the Executive Conference Room of Building One at the Northern Virginia Training Center. Members began gathering shortly before 10:00 AM, and at 10:03 AM, Chair, Peter Black called the meeting to order and opened the public comment period. Peter introduced and welcomed two new members to the Committee, Judy Regner and Susan Haenisch. He announced two additional subjects for today's agenda: a discussion of the summer committee meeting schedule and a plan for a LHRC FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) training session. A motion was made and voted upon to accept the changes to the agenda. An additional motion to accept the February minutes was made and approved with the correction to clarify that Tony Grimm and Valerie Burton interviewed the new committee members.

In the absence of public participation, at 10:31 AM, Peter closed the public comment period and asked Committee members for a motion to move into executive session, pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3 711A to hear Critical Incidents, Abuse/Neglect allegations, and Restrictive Behavior Plans. Debra Vought arrived and proceeded to give the Critical Incidents Report and her responses to questions from the Committee pertaining to her February report. Advocate, Tim Simmons noted no incidents of abuse or neglect.

Debra left the meeting at 11:10 following her report, and the Psychologists joined to present Restrictive Behavior Plans. Following the psychology reviews, at 11:50 PM, the Committee moved and voted to exit executive session, each member certifying that they "heard, discussed or considered only public matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened."

Psychologist Matt Osborne remained with the committee in order to discuss changes made to Instruction 5303, Behavioral Emergency Procedures. Committee felt comfortable with the changes being made and indicated they did not need to see the final Instruction.

Following Matt's presentation, the Committee moved and voted to approve two behavior plans:

- 1 annual behavior plan
- 1 interim annual behavior plan

Tim Simmons continued with a request that we arrange for time during April's meeting for a training session for Committee members on FOIA. At the suggestion of Committee members, and because of the addition of two new, but experienced members, it was suggested that Tim also incorporate a general review of LHRC policies and regulations for all.

Tim briefly discussed the expected expansion of the Chris System being used to improve provider communication. Additionally, he announced that Building 8 will be closing soon. The money has not been allotted to the improvement of Health and Safety Standards in building 8, only building 5. The residents of 8 will move into existing homes.

A discussion concerning the upcoming expected discharge of 26 residents occurred, and Tim, along with the Committee, requested that we meet with Dr. Diorio to further discuss the status of these discharges from a human rights perspective.

In a consideration of our summer schedule, and because our July meeting will fall on Independence Day, the committee suggested we meet on July 11th and skip the August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Self, Recording Secretary

Peter Black, Chairman